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[The "Black Cattle" and "Red Bulls" have previously been referred to as sub-clans (see 1: Hollis, this file); therefore all data in this source pertinent to these groups will be found in category 614, even though Bernardi refers to them as moieties.]

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561 624 But the launon is held in great respect by his age-mates, and any demands that he makes on them must be fulfilled. It is stated that he is the only official whose order must be obeyed. In discussing this with an elder, I pointed out that this should give the office great political importance, in reply to which the elder indicated that such did not necessarily follow, as " we can always tell the launon what order to give !"

Hollis states that the launon is responsible to the laibon for the appearance of the moran in case of war; this may well have been so in the old days, for it is generally admitted to-day that he is responsible [302] for the smart turn-out of the moran. Thus unless in cases of sickness or mourning, a moran is not supposed to cut off his pig-tail without the launon's permission. It is alleged, however, that the office is losing its status and authority, for whereas the Dareto age launon is supposed to have gone on frequent 'tours of inspection' and to have inflicted many fines, nowadays many Kisale shave their heads without consulting their launon.

During elderhood, by virtue of his previous position, the launon is still held in respect, though no specific duties seem to attach to him. He may perhaps play some part at the unoto and ngeherr ceremonies of the age next-but-one- below, by virtue of the ol piron relationship.

Another official chosen at the unoto is called *ol buro engeue*, who splits the skin of the ceremonially slaughtered ox. He is given four or five cattle as a fee, and in after life is held in respect, but appears to have no duties.

At the ngeherr ceremony, an official, the *Losorutya*, is chosen in respect of the whole generation, whose position corresponds to that of the launon at the unoto. As there is only one ngeherr ceremony for all sections of the Masai, so there is only one *losurutya*. No duties, but considerable respect, appear to attach to the office in after life.

**CLAN ORGANIZATION CHART.**

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| GROUPS | CLANS | SUB-CLANS |
|---|---|---|
| Endaloshi | Englishome | Olgilata |
| | *I. Engaje Masai.* | |
| LAISER or L'OOROKITENG (right hand) | LAISER | Engidong<br>Parkinet<br>Parsingo<br>Engaje-Nanuki or L'oodo-gishu<br>Partimaroi<br>Parsa Buko |
| | LUGHUMAI | Sitayo<br>Keri-ngishu |

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| MOLELIAN or L'OODOMONGI (left hand) | MOLELIAN | Masangwa, Moingo, L'oorok-kishu, Parserengo, Mukulere, Parsindei, Kivuyuni |
| | TAROSERO | Nanaapowaru, Lais |
| | MOKASEN | Loiger, Kiveron, Pirda |
| | MAMASITA | Munai, Jagei, Kuyuni, Paralangat, Maravashi |

*II. Il Mingana.* (*Laitayok*)

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|---|---|---|
| LAITAYOK (attached to right hand) | LAITAYOK | Sesoikineji, Kisikon, Parsais, Paramangi, Makuperia, Lema, Mosejwa, Pojos, Mohono |
| | MARUMAI | Parsele, Maraani, Leberet |

Square brackets indicate exogamous groups; when not shown, sub-clans may inter-marry.

## SECTION V. CLAN AND FAMILY MATTERS.

**A. Clans — the clan chart — ownership of waters — areas peculiar to certain clans — clan responsibility.**

The chart reproduced above explains the system more clearly than a lengthy description, but a few explanatory notes are necessary. The true Masai, i.e. those who regard themselves as descendants of Maasinda, divide themselves into two main groups (*indaloishin*, sing. *endaloshi*), the Laiser or Loorokiteng (black bullock) who are regarded as the right hand of the tribe, and the Molelian or Loodomongi (blood-red bull), the left hand. [619]

These main groups are in turn divided into clans and sub-clans, called on the chart *engishome* and *olgilata* respectively. Some informants however reverse the terms. The clans are patrilineal, i.e. a child takes the father's clan. They are also exogamous, i.e. a man may not marry 614